

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address two bacteria impairments in the Cedar Run Watershed. The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The impaired stream segments are located in Fauquier and Prince William Counties. The subject stream segments include an approximately 6.6-mile segment of Licking Run extending from the mouth of Germantown Lake northwest of Route 28 to the confluence with Cedar Run southwest of Route 806, and an approximately 28.2-mile segment of Cedar Run extending from the confluence with Mill Run west of Vowles Mill Road to the confluence with the Occoquan River northeast of Route 619.

The third of three public meetings on the development of the Cedar and Licking Run bacteria TMDLs will be held on **Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.** at the H.M. Pearson Elementary School, located at 9347 Bastable Mill Road (Route 603) in Calverton, Virginia.

The public comment period on this final phase of TMDL development will begin on March 23, 2004, and end on April 21, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDLs for the bacteria impairments in the Cedar Run Watershed is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Katherine Bennett. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Katherine E. Bennett, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3896, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail kebennett@deq.state.va.us.